

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Katsuo SHIBAHARA

Application No.: 10/562,880

Filed: April 28, 2006

For: FLUID BEARING DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

Confirmation No.: 6927

Group Art Unit: 3656

Examiner: James PILKINGTON

Attorney Docket No.: 100725-00176

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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June 19, 2009

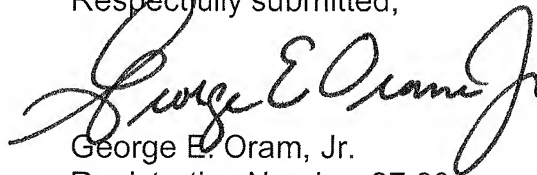
Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated May 19, 2009, the Applicant hereby elects Group I, directed to Claims 1 – 3, drawn to a fluid bearing. This election is made without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

In view of the Applicant's above election, Applicant respectfully submits that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests examination of elected Group I, Claims 1 – 3 on the merits.

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Respectfully submitted,



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